



End-of-Year Newsletter



What's NSBE been up to?

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The Fall Term saw NSBE diversify and grow its position as a club, especially as one that represents the minority in STEM. From successfully hosting on campus events focused on academic and professional improvement to going above and beyond to hosting our first conference to promote and further highlight black excellence, to being a space where students to take their mind of school, we are proud to share who we were as a club during this semester.

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General Body Meeting

VIBING AND WELCOMING ALL!

Our General Body Meeting is all about introducing NSBE UW to the student body, encouraging meaningful connections amongst folks in STEM, and spreading good vibes. We welcomed many fresh faces and seasoned members across all disciplines to the NSBE family!



Black Study Hall

WEEKLY ACADEMICS LINKUPS

The Black Study Hall was held every Thursday in E7-4417, and is designed as a way for NSBE members and all other engineers at the University of Waterloo to come together weekly to study, chill and interact with each other.



Headshots

WHO DOESN'T LOVE A GOOD PICTURE?

Throwback to NSBE UW's Headshot Events, where members took advantage of the opportunity for professional LinkedIn photos against the backdrop of the iconic E7 bridge. These headshots not only polished profiles but also captured the engineering spirit within NSBE UW. A special thanks to photographer Rehaana Abdi; you can check out more of her incredible work on Instagram at @shotbyrere.



Resume Critiques

ELEVATING YOUR RESUME

Held on September 14th, this was an opportunity for members to get feedback on resume's as well as interview prep in preparation for co-op job applications and interviews.



Mentorship Program

OUR PROGRAM RELAUNCH KICKED OFF THIS FALL!

We kicked-off our mentorship event in early November, where we paired upper-year students with first year students.



This pairing was done based on similarities between their programs to maximize how effective of a mentor a first-year would receive especially for topics such as co-op, study habits, and managing stress.

“Simply from the ambition, energy, and drive of the first group meeting, I knew I found the people that would not only propel me academically and professionally, but also those that would feed my entrepreneurial spirit.”

**BY NAIN ABDI,
2A ELECTRICAL
ENGINEERING**

Beyond the mentorship program, we recognized the importance of supporting our members in their first year of university during the challenging transition. Events such as the post-midterm de-stressor and movie night aimed to help our members relieve the stress of midterms and take a break from school.

Whether grabbing much-needed snacks as study pick-me-ups or hearing about the experiences of our wise members in upper years, these events became invaluable moments of camaraderie and relaxation, fostering a sense of community amid the academic hustle.

NSBE Summer Cookout

WE HOSTED A SPORTS THEMED COOKOUT! HERE ARE SOME OF OUR FAVOURITE MOMENTS.

Good food



Good people



Good vibes

Sponsorships

SPRING/FALL 2023 PARTNERSHIP EVENTS



Bloomberg!

Our first sponsored event this term, in partnership with Bloomberg, featured a workshop dedicated to mastering technical interviews. Attendees had a dynamic and informative experience featuring interview elements such as elevator pitch and technical coding workshops from Bloomberg Software Engineers and HR representatives.

Nasdaq!

What do you know about Nasdaq beyond their involvement in stock exchange operations? At our NSBE UW x Nasdaq event, attendees found out more about the company's culture, values and internship opportunities. Three winners of Nasdaq trivia received exciting prizes, where the top prize was \$100!



Google!

Technical interviews can be daunting and overwhelming. Fortunately, Google software engineers shared valuable insights into the intricacies of technical interviews, providing a step-by-step walkthrough of a Google Software Engineering internship question. With insightful guidance, and confidence-boosting tips, participants left the event with newfound assurance in their technical interview capabilities.



Toyota!

Calling all automotive enthusiasts! The Toyota x NSBE UW event provided an interactive opportunity to explore the automotive industry and learn about the journeys that led current engineers to their positions at Toyota. Participants had the chance to network with Toyota team experts, gaining valuable insights that contribute to successful co-op experiences.





BTTF Conference

OUR FIRST EVER NSBE UW CONFERENCE WAS A SUCCESS!

Thank you so much for your attendance at the 2023 Black to the Future Conference presented by NSBE Waterloo. We hope that you found the event inspiring and enjoyable and that you were able to connect with other students, professionals, alumni and faculty.

Your engagement and presence made this event an incredible experience for all attendees, and we are excited to hopefully see you again soon. We also thank our event sponsors, partners, and speakers who made the event memorable by sharing their knowledge and expertise!

Impactful moments...



... and unforgettable memories



Meet the Executive Teams



A-Soc Team

SPRING 2023

President - Khali Abdi
Vice President - Chinemerem Chingo
Community & Outreach Lead - Naomie
Seh Abomo
Events Lead - Favien Anteneh
External Lead - Samuel Asrat
Finance Lead - Aisha Biobaku
First Year Reps - Tolu Mohammed &
Tasimuka Dzikiti
Partnership Lead - Aknan Ali
Social Media Lead - Mariam Busari

B-Soc Team

FALL 2023

President - Khali Abdi
Vice President - Aknan Ali
Admin Lead - Saharla Ali
Community & Outreach Leads - Naomie
Seh Abomo & Michael Icharia
Events Lead - Samuel Woldegebreal
External Operations Lead - Jok Deng
Finance Lead - Aisha Biobaku
First Year Rep - Bokang Mogomotsi
Mentorship Leads - Tolu Mohammed &
Oreoluwa Oni
Partnerships Lead - Nain Abdi
Social Media Lead - Aseel Osman





President Sign Off

And just like that, eight months have flown by. I am incredibly thankful to have served as your chapter president of NSBE these past two terms.

I knew I had found my place on campus after participating in my first NSBE event way back in my first year. When I began planning my term at the beginning of this year, I knew NSBE could offer the same space for others — we just needed to make it easier to find. Introducing people to NSBE, seeing students meet their closest friends, connecting students to mentors, and helping students land their dream jobs have been rewarding and fulfilling, and I am grateful to have been a part of it.

In the past two terms, NSBE hosted twelve study halls, five sponsorship events, four wellness events, three resume critiques, three executive bonding events, one mentorship program relaunch, and one inaugural homecoming conference. This was only possible thanks to the dedication, hard work, and focus of the NSBE team.

In our earliest planning meetings, we listed out all the ideas we had for the term while keeping our organization's core values in mind: Community, Mentorship, and Wellness. Early on, this vision statement became our North Star. We wanted to ensure every activity or initiative tied back to our mission of fostering an active community for aspiring young black engineers, supporting black engineering students' academic and professional success, and promoting wellness to relieve academic stress.

Transforming a concept into a physical event is not easy, especially when you're working with creative people full of ideas, but the impact made the effort worthwhile. Students have shared that our events helped them form lasting friendships, approach their goals and challenges in new ways, and receive helpful tools and strategies for managing wellness. Our guests and speakers have enriched our community by sharing valuable interview skills for landing their dream jobs or their techniques and tools for creating a better school-life balance. Hearing students' gratitude at the impact NSBE has had on their school experience provided the fuel and motivation for planning future events where black engineering students can lift each other up and reach new heights.

To our executive team, both A and B Society, thank you for all the hard work you put into supporting NSBE's goals alongside pursuing an engineering degree. I know it couldn't have been easy.

I want to send a special thank you to my Vice Presidents, Aknan Ali and Chinemerem Chigbo, for being instrumental in turning our vision into reality. You were there every step of the way, diligently planning each term and ensuring that every idea, no matter how ambitious, came to life. Your dedication and collaboration were invaluable, and I couldn't have asked for better partners in this journey.

A special thank you goes out to the Faculty of Engineering and the Engineering Society for their generous donations and provision of resources. Your support played a crucial role in ensuring the success of our events.

And most importantly, thank you to our NSBE members for supporting us thus far. We're just getting started, and we are excited to continue building this community with and for you.

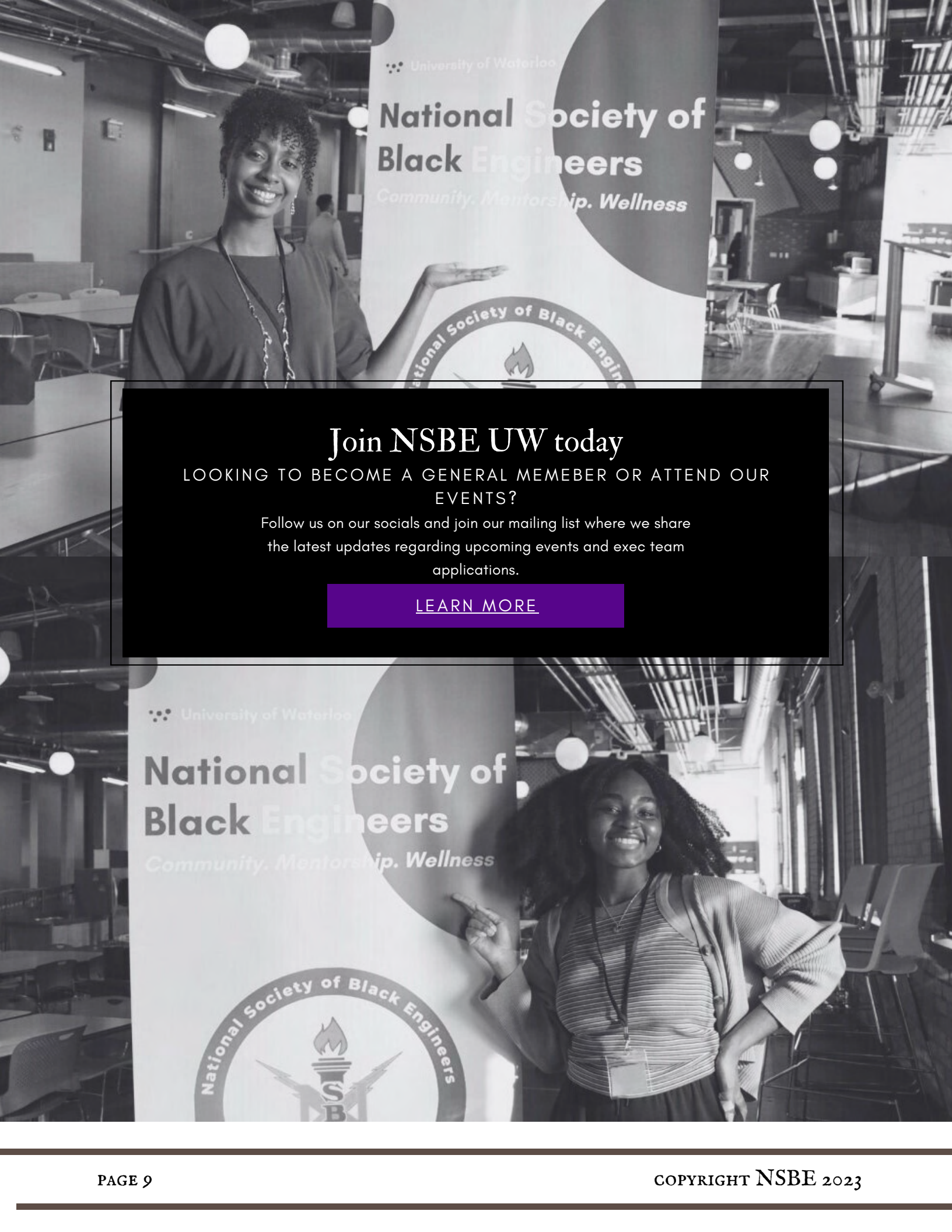
Happy holidays NSBE!

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